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General council ends in courtroom

A court-ordered election to fill the positions of secretary-treasurer and vice chairman of the Potawatomi Tribe will be held August 4.

Court of Indian Offenses Judge Philip Lujan entered an order on July 6 declaring the election held in June null and void due to wording in the present Tribal Constitution stating that elections will be "held by the Council at its regular meeting."

Lujan became involved in the 1984 Potawatomi election at the request of Bureau of Indian Affairs Superintendent Joe Walker after a faction of tribal members took control of the annual General Council meeting.

At the election in June, absentee ballots, as well as in-person poll voting, had been allowed for the first time in tribal history. Incumbent vice chairman Doyle Owens won his bid for re-election over Wanita Clifford, 486 to 180. Owens received 77 in-person votes and 409 absentee votes, while Clifford received 68 in-person votes and 112 absentee votes.

Incumbent secretary-treasurer Thelma Bateman lost her bid for re-election to challenger Kenneth Peltier, 459 to 211. Peltier received

78 in-person votes and 381 absentee votes to Bateman's 68 in-person votes and 143 absentee votes.

A referendum vote authorizing the Business Committee to hire an attorney (subject to Department of the Interior approval) was approved 532 to 104, with 76 in-person votes for and 63 in-person votes against.

The results of that election, however, were never announced at the annual General Council meeting on June 30.

When called on by Chairman Leon Bruno to give the annual secretary's report at General Council, Bateman called a point of order and invited a motion from the floor to suspend the rules. A "temporary chairman," Sheila Hall, was elected by the floor and an effort by the tribal sergeant-at-arms to remove her from the podium was unsuccessful.

Chairman Leon Bruno, after unsuccessfully attempting to call the group's actions out of order, adjourned the Council meeting and left, accompanied by all Business Committee members with the exception of Bateman and many of those in the audience.

Patricia Sulcer, HowNiKan editor, left the Council meeting after Bruno's adjournment. A reporter for a local newspaper, the Countywide News, stayed however, and published the following account of the group's activities:

"Tribal Administrator John 'Rocky' Barrett, whom the takeover group voted to dismiss, remained in the hall during most of the subsequent session. As tempers flared, both factions sought the support of Joe Walker, superintendent of the Shawnee Agency Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), who was present for the session.

"Walker repeatedly refused to take sides in the dispute, saying that it was 'internal tribal business' and that he was only 'concerned about the protection of property.' He said that he had ordered all offices locked and ordered tribal and BIA police to 'insure that locked doors remain locked.'

"Later Walker told the group that there were 'serious constitutional questions here that can only be

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Annual
Pow Wow

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Store manager Jan Carlton (far left), Business Committeeman Max Wano, BIA superintendent Joe Walker and (far right) Tribal Administrator John Barrett assist Tribal Chairman Leon Bruno in snipping the grand opening ribbon for the Tribe's new convenience store and gas station.

**Tribal
Store
Opens**

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From the Election Commission

To all Absentee Voters,

This letter is to serve as an explanation of the happenings on June 30, 1984.

As you know, absentee ballots were received on that day and also live voting took place at Fire Lodge.

During the Council meeting there were those who voiced much disagreement to the absentee ballots because this type of voting had not been voted on by the people. Much confusion stemmed from this and a judge from the Court of Indian Offenses was called to settle the dispute in CFR Court on that day.

The judge heard arguments from both sides and set a court date for July 6, 1984 at 10 a.m. to hear testimony and bring down a ruling.

After almost 10 hours the judge's final ruling was, there is no provision in our Constitution for absentee ballots and our Constitution reads that the election will be held at the

Council meeting. The June election was held at Fire Lodge. The judge ruled this election to be null and void.

The Election Committee would like to extend our appreciation to each and every one of you who took the time to request your ballots and then returned them.

We would also like to explain that we as a committee were assured of the legitimacy of this type of voting and had no knowledge that this would come about.

As a result of the judge's ruling we must hold another Council for the election within 30 days.

We, the Election Committee, would like to extend to all of you our apologies and hope that all of you who can attend this Council meeting will try to do so.

Sincerely,

Election Committee

Chairman: Richard Whitecotton

Secretary: Sheree Randell



Chairman Bruno proudly spends the first dollar.



Gaylon Franklin, Second Chief of the Sac and Fox Tribe, purchases the first gasoline sold at the new store.

Tribal convenience store and gas station opens

A ribbon cutting ceremony for the \$137,500 Potawatomi Tribal Store was held June 29th with representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban

Development, Potawatomi tribal administration and pow wow royalty in attendance.

The 1600-square-foot convenience store and gas station is located at the corner of Beard and

Hardesty Roads in Shawnee. The store is open from 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. seven days a week and features a drive-thru window for discount cigarette sales.

Seven million Indians?

In the 1980 census, nearly seven million Americans claimed American Indian ancestry — though only 1.4 million identified themselves as Indians.

This information was culled from Census Bureau statistics by American Demographics, a publication of Dow Jones and Company, Inc. The publication said that "most of the people who reported American Indian ancestry did so in combination with other ancestry groups, such as English or Irish."



Vote for Kenneth Peltier on August 4, 1984

DEAR TRIBAL MEMBERS:

I know it must be confusing for you to be seeing campaign ads again — when you thought you had already cast your ballot for this year's election. For that reason it is very important that you understand what happened at the June General Council meeting — and come to the tribal complex to cast your vote IN PERSON on August 4.

Judge Phil Lujan of the Court of Indian Offenses has ordered another election — and ruled all absentee ballots null and void because of a provision in our existing Constitution. If we are to ever return tribal government to the people (through absentee voting) we must appear IN PERSON at the TRIBAL COMPLEX for a special General Council election on August 4, from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Results of the election will be announced after voting is completed.

Our tribe has been disgraced and ridiculed in the newspapers and has been drug through the courts by our adversaries: Thelma Bateman and Wanita Clifford. We MUST defeat these two people who have tried to

overthrow our government not once but TWICE — failing in both attempts. With their selfish whims and sudden fancies they have demonstrated their total lack of professionalism and their lack of compassion for the very tribal members they profess to represent.

We've beat them in the courts and we beat them in the polls — both by absentee ballot and live voting — and now we MUST beat them again.

Call your kinfolks and friends and tell them how important it is for them to vote in person at the tribe on August 4. Plan picnics, plan breakfasts, plan a reunion — but plan to get together and come to the tribe on August 4 between 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. This is your chance to make history by voting for a return of government to the people it represents.

On August 4, vote for Doyle Owens and myself — we guarantee you that we will represent ALL 11,640 tribal members to the best of our ability.

Respectfully yours,
Kenneth Peltier Sr.
Rt. 6 Box 266
Shawnee, Ok. 74801

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Business Committee

Chairman - Robert "Leon" Bruno
Vice Chairman - Doyle Owens
Sec./Treasurer - Thelma Wano Bateman
Committeeman - Max Wano
Committeeman - C.B. Hitt

Tribal Administrator
John Barrett

Editor
Patricia Sulcer

Obituary

Negahnquet

William Joseph Negahnquet, 34, of Route 1, Macomb, died Tuesday, April 24, in a Shawnee hospital.

Rosary and mass were held Saturday, April 28, both in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Mr. Negahnquet was born June 25, 1949, in Oklahoma City. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Potawatomi tribe. Mr. Negahnquet attended school in the Macomb area.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Negahnquet, of the home; two brothers, Stephen Negahnquet, Kailua, Hawaii; Thomas Negahnquet, Maud; four sisters, JoNell Negahnquet, Stillwater; Theresa Neal, Camden, Arkansas; Kathryn A. Hallam, Ingelwood, California; L. Rebecca Stinnett, Claremont, California; Susan Martinex, San Pedro, California.

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resolved in court' and said he was attempting to contact a CFR judge for a ruling. Hall commented that 'the problem is being created by the Bureau.'

"While Walker tried to locate a judge, the group held their own elections for the two Business Committee posts, with Bateman and Clifford winning. They also ratified actions taken at two previous meetings which replaced both the Grievance Committee and the Business Committee, although Walker has held, in a letter to the tribe, that those meetings did not 'conform to constitutional requirements.'

"The group also voted to employ attorney Alan E. Synar (who has also represented Enterprise Management Consultants, the Norman firm which manages the tribe's bingo operation) as tribal attorney. Synar, sitting at the podium, advised the group on procedure through the remainder of their meeting.

"The stormy session, punctuated with internal squabbles, threats and short recesses to observe the activities of Barrett and other tribal employees who had returned to their offices, finally came to an end at 5:55 p.m. when Walker returned to announce that a CFR judge would convene court at 7 p.m. and issue an order taking control of the BIA and tribal police.

"While many tribal members and leaders attended a free dinner (sponsored by the Business Committee) and pow wow across the street, about 50 Potawatomis gathered in the CFR courtroom at 7 p.m. Shortly afterward, Judge Phil Lujan of Noble arrived and convened court. Barrett

and tribal attorney Steve Parker occupied one table, while Ed Pecore, named Business Committee chairman by the takeover group, and Synar were at the other. Observers sat on the courtroom floor, since all chairs had been taken to the Potawatomis complex for the meeting."

Lujan acknowledged his awareness of the "emotionally charged situation," and warned that he would not tolerate "outbursts." After hearing arguments on the issue of CFR jurisdiction, Lujan stated that he felt the "federal court has not properly had jurisdiction...therefore this court is not impeded any further."

Bateman and Clifford had brought suit in federal court earlier, seeking to halt the election. That suit had been dismissed.

After hearing testimony from Synar's witnesses (including former administrator John Schoemann, Bateman and Hall) and tribal attorney Parker, Lujan issued a temporary restraining order to "preserve the status quo as it existed prior" to the General Council meeting and set a hearing date for July 6.

At that hearing the issue of whether or not the Business Committee had the constitutional authority to change the election procedures (including institution of absentee voting) was debated.

The Business Committee has cited constitutional provisions stating that the General Council is "The supreme governing body of the tribe...The membership of the Council shall be all the members of the Citizen Band Potawatomis Indians of Oklahoma 21

years of age and older" justifying the absentee ballots.

Another constitutional provision governing elections and stating that secretary-treasurer and vice chairman positions will be filled by the Council "on the last Saturday in June, 1971, and each even numbered year thereafter, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Business Committee" was also cited as supporting the Business Committee's authority to establish election guidelines.

Lujan, however, ruled the tribal election invalid, basing his decision on a constitutional provision that states that the elections will be "held by the Council at its regular meeting." Live voting had been held the day of the Council but was scheduled from 7 a.m. till 2 p.m. — before the Council meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. Voting had also been held in a different building on the tribal grounds than the General Council meeting.

After the nine hour hearing, Lujan also ruled the absentee voting invalid and ruled that impeachment hearings held by the splinter group in May and June (during which the Business Committee and Grievance Committee had been "impeached") were also null and void. Lujan specifically stated that incumbent leaders C.B. Hitt, Leon Bruno and Max Wano were to serve until their terms expired in 1985. Lujan also ruled that Bateman and Owens were to continue in their current positions until the August 4 election.

Although he ruled against the absentee ballots and the time and

place of the June election, Lujan said that the "election provisions (ie the election ordinance adopted by the Business Committee last December) are valid and proper" and were to remain "in effect." Bateman and Clifford have maintained that the Business Committee exceeded their authority in adopting the election ordinance but Lujan said the constitution "gives the Business Committee the right to promulgate an election code as long as it is in compliance" with the constitution.

Lujan gave no explanation in court for his ruling against the absentee ballots but was quoted later in the Daily Oklahoman newspaper as recommending a revision of the constitution, saying, "It leaves too many things open and ambiguous."

The current Business Committee has revised the tribal constitution — originated in the 1930's — and has requested that the BIA hold a secretarial election. In that type of election all tribal members will be mailed a ballot from the BIA and be allowed to vote on the constitutional revision.

The Business Committee and tribal Election Commission will be holding the election ordered by Lujan at the tribal complex on August 4. That special meeting will be called to order at 7 a.m. with voting taking place until 2 p.m. Results will then be announced.

According to Barrett, the tribe will appeal simply to make sure that a dangerous precedent has not been set for other tribes with similar constitutions. The appeal will consist of court transcript review by the other four CFR judges.

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Fellow Tribal Members:

I, Wanita Clifford, am a candidate for Vice-Chairman. As a former Tribal Chairman, I am again asking for your vote and support for a voice on the Business Committee. I served you for two years as Chairman of the Committee and learned much about our Tribe and its Programs. I feel my Tribe needs my past experience as both a former tribal employee and Committee member. I feel I can make a vital contribution at this time when help in guiding our Tribes is so desperately needed.

We need to plan for the future. The enterprises we so needed are becoming realities. Now we need to determine priorities for the revenue of these new businesses. I hear tribal members talking of a need to plan for some of these monies to be used for income for elderly tribal members. I think this is good. I feel this is what a Tribe is all about, to preserve our cultures and care for our elders. If elected, I want to listen to my fellow tribal members and see our Tribe

fulfilling its members wishes and needs.

A major revision of the tribal Constitution has been submitted to the BIA for approval. After the BIA reviews it, this Constitution will be voted on by a mail out to all enrolled tribal members. I ask you to please read this Constitution and give it a lot of thought before you vote. The Constitution and By-Laws we have used for the past fifty years have served us well. I feel this new Constitution takes the power away from the people and places it too much in the hands of only five people — the Business Committee. I fear for the future of this Tribe if this happens. Think long and hard before voting to change a Constitution that you know has worked for us for so long.

Please take the time to show your concern for the Citizen Band Potawatomis Tribe and vote on August 4th. The future of the Tribe is determined in a large part by the elected Business Committee. Let your voice be heard by your vote.

Vote For Wanita Clifford

Political Advertisement

Do you want a Secretary-Treasurer who has a proven record of service to our tribe?

Do you want to have a voice in tribal Business?

Then consider the facts:

I have worked to preserve the voice of Council and the provision of our Constitution; my opponent has not.

If you were present at a meeting on May 19th (68 tribal members were) ordered by Federal Judge Bohanon and agreed to by Chairman Bruno, you know that my opponent stood by the tribal administrator when he locked Council out of their Meeting room. I called that meeting to order when the Chairman and Vice-Chairman failed to show up. My opponent supports a Constitution that the Business Committee submitted to BIA (without first submitting it to Council) which provides that Council nor electorate (all tribal members age 21 and over) will have any voice over the Business.

I have been a party to a law suit

which was successful in having the Un-Constitutional absentee Ballot and Referendum election invalidated.

In recent issues of the HowNiKan an "all out" campaign was made to discredit me as the Secretary-Treasurer, in to promote my opponent for the office. In my position on Business Committee this past year, I have observed the problem that Nepotism in our tribal operation has created - One example Mr. Kenneth Peltier serving on Grievance Committee and being Uncle of tribal Administrator. I feel this has been a detrimental influence on the functioning both of the Grievance Committee and the Business Committee.

On June 17, 1984 the reason for that smear campaign became obvious and the results may be released later.

That is the stance I had taken prior to the smear campaign. If you want truthfulness and honesty in your tribal Government, if you want the democratic process to survive -

Vote For Thelma Wano Bateman Secretary-Treasurer



Woody Lockhart on guitar

Title VI honors contributors

Eight people were honored for their contribution to the arts and crafts program sponsored by the Title VI Elderly Feeding Program during last month's potluck lunch.

Neoma Bayles, Bertha Little, Gladys Kiger, Juanita Moore, Irene Miller, Dessie Lockhart, Grace Burns and Ada Morgan were all presented with certificates of appreciation by program director Joan Biagioni.

The potluck program featured entertainment by program participants Thelma Compton, Velma Moore, Grace Burns and Woody Lockhart - an alumnus of the Bob Wills band.

The program also honored Tribal Chairman Leon Bruno who was presented with a ribbon shirt.

Ms. Joan Biagioni presents Chairman Bruno with a ribbon shirt in appreciation of his contributions to the tribe.



HowNiKan support comes from near and far

This month the list of **HowNiKan** donors is particularly poignant and symbolic to the current Citizen Band Potawatomi Business Committee and administration. In Judge Philip Lujan's ruling earlier this month against the constitutionality of absentee ballots, he stated that tribal members living within the immediate area were more concerned with tribal affairs than those unable to attend the annual General Council meetings. **Untrue!** The fact that, in this month alone, tribal members as far away as Indiana, Tennessee, Florida and California contributed money to insure the continuation of their information "umbilical cord" to the tribal complex is a vote of confidence and reassurance that we are, indeed, doing the right thing. The majority of the Business Committee has demonstrated a commitment to the "open door" policy and realize that the tribal newspaper is the key to information networking among tribal members. Won't you please help support the **HowNiKan**? All donations are tax deductible and are a demonstration of far more than your support of your newspaper; they are tangible proof that you are proud of being Potawatomi — no matter where you live.

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IRS to publish tax reg's

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that new regulations would soon be published regarding the Indian Tribal Governmental Tax Status Act of 1982.

"The regulations would provide guidance to certain Indian tribal governments as to their treatment as states under designated sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954," stated within the Federal Register's April 19 abstract entitled "Indian Tribal Governments Treated as States for Certain Purposes."

The Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies' recommendations, delivered to Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan in January of this year, were accepted in full by the IRS regarding this significant piece of Indian legislation. These recommendations came after a review of the wording of the Indian tax legislation. In particular, some provisions, if read literally, seemed more restrictive than the President's Commission on Indian Reservation Economies deemed desirable or necessary. The central problem was in the definition of an "essential governmental function."

The Act granted Indian tribes beneficial tax status with respect to excise tax exemptions and tax exempt public activity bonds only if the tribe is engaged in an "essential governmental function."

The new regulations define these functions in a broad sense, which allows tribes a maximum amount of flexibility in exercising their tax status. For example, any tribal activity that is eligible for federal contracts or grants would qualify for issuance of revenue bonds.

The soon to be published regulations will become final after a 60 day period open to public comment. The provisions included in the regulations will be effective, generally, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1982 and before January 1, 1985.

Sacred lands fight

On Monday, April 23, 1984, an administrative law judge for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued an initial decision recommending the denial of a license to Northern Lights, Inc. of Sandpoint, Idaho and seven other rural electric cooperatives in Montana to construct a dam and hydroelectric project at Kootenai Falls on the Kootenai River in northwestern Montana. Kootenai Falls is the sacred center of the Kootenai religion, and construction of the project was opposed by three tribes of Kootenai Indians from Idaho, Montana and British Columbia represented by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). The Kootenai were also joined by environmental and conservation organizations, the State of Montana and FERC staff counsel in opposing the license.

In his April 23 ruling, presiding Judge Miller cited a failure by Northern Lights to show a clear need for the power to be produced by the Kootenai project before 1995, at which time several other larger projects in the Pacific Northwest are expected to be under construction or on line. According to Judge Miller, "there is a real likelihood that if the Kootenai project were built it would result in a surplus of power and this surplus would have been achieved by the sacrifice of unique values associated with the Falls." Those unique values include the Falls itself, the last major undeveloped waterfall in the Pacific Northwest, and a stretch of the Kootenai River regarded to have one of the best rainbow trout fisheries in Montana.

Regarding the Kootenai religious values associated with the Falls area, Judge Miller held that the Kootenai project would impermissibly infringe upon religious beliefs and practices protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The case is viewed as an important precedent from that perspective.

First Indian TV station

A federal construction permit has been approved for what will be the second commercial television station in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the nation's first American Indian-owned station.

The Federal Communications Commission will issue the permit for the UHF station to the Lincoln-based Native American Communications Corp.

Help Haskell

The American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame, located at Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas, represents America's enshrinement of outstanding American Indian heroes in amateur or professional sports of any type recognized by the Amateur Athletic Union or the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Every athlete honored by induction in this Hall of HEROES is selected on the basis of an outstanding, colorful, exciting, and action-punctuated record of performance.

This is a showplace where a collection of plaques showing pictures of the inductees and information etched on bronze plates are exhibited.

The very atmosphere of this hallowed shrine treasures and preserves the outstanding records of famous Indian Athletes for the Nation and is an inspiration to Indian youth.

The American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame is a non-profit organization and would accept any donations directed at helping keep this great memorial to the Great Indian Athletes of the past. All donations are tax deductible. For more information write:

Mr. Archie Hawkins
Treasurer-American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame
227 Arkansas Street
Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Newberry fellowships

The D'Arcy McNickle Center for the History of the American Indian at The Newberry Library offers D'Arcy McNickle Memorial Fellowships and Frances C. Allen Fellowships for Indian people only. A man or woman who receives a McNickle award is supported by the stipend of \$300 a week, for a period of one to four weeks, plus transportation costs of a single round trip between the place of residence and The Newberry library. A woman who earns an Allen award is eligible for support for work in a graduate or professional academic program at any stage beyond the undergraduate degree. Allen Fellows are expected to spend a significant part of their fellowship term in residence at the Center. Applications for both fellowships are reviewed twice a year and are due on February 1 and August 1.

Since 1973, this Center has sponsored fellowships for Native American people who have wished to conduct research in tribal history or Indian culture. Since that time, approximately ninety people have come to The Newberry Library to use its collections, which contain some 130,000 books, articles, and manuscripts on Indian history and American frontier history. The Library houses no artifacts and few graphic art works, but it preserves many historic photographs in books and articles that tribal historians have found very useful in their research.

Together, these two types of fellowships answer the needs of people from various walks of life: tribal historians, librarians, archivists, interested adults with only short periods of time to give to research, and persons who wish to accomplish advanced study in humanities, social sciences or

other disciplines. An enrolled applicant may wish to seek the recommendation of his or her tribal chairman or councilman, but tribal members as well as persons of Indian descent who are not enrolled will be considered without the endorsement of tribal governments.

Men and women who receive McNickle Fellowships need have no formal academic training, but they are expected to work extensively in research materials with minimal assistance. Staff members neither direct research nor edit and publish and end products of fellows' projects. Rather, they provide work space assure opportunity for fellows to use the Library's massive collections, and supply limited guidance on request.

Women who receive Allen Fellowships must have undergraduate degrees and be enrolled in a postgraduate program. They must also demonstrate the capacity to accomplish scholarly research as well as to complete the requirements of advanced degrees.

Persons interested should write or call Frederick E. Hoxie, Director, D'Arcy McNickle Center for the History of the American Indian, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610; (312) 943-9090, ext. 267. Kindly supply a brief description of your research or professional goals. From this, staff members will be able to suggest which of the two fellowships will best meet your specific needs and provide some guidance for the completion of formal application.

These fellowships are supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Be listed in the Performing Arts Registry

The American Indian Registry for the Performing Arts (a nonprofit corporation) has been organized to act as a liaison between Indian performers, producers and casting directors. This spring the "Directory of American Indian Performing Artists and Creative Technicians" will be published and circulated to motion picture and television producers. The Executive Committee includes Will Sampson, Tenaya Torres, Carole Marie and Zoe Escobar. If you wish to be listed, contact Zoe Escobar, 3330 Barham Blvd. No. 208, Los Angeles, California, 90068, (213) 851-9874.

Tribal tax exempt bonds?

The Blackfeet Indians of Montana may become the first tribal government to issue tax exempt bonds under the Indian Government Tax Status Act.

The \$2.5 Million bond issue would be used to finance construction of a campus for the Blackfeet Community College.

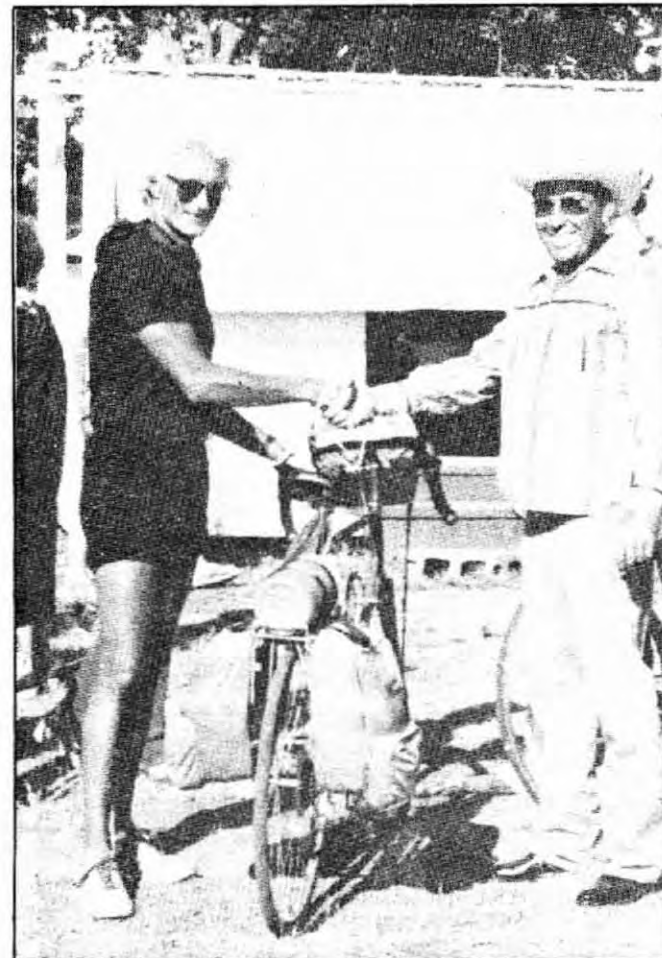
The tax status act, signed by President Reagan in early 1983, establishes that tribal governments have a status similar to towns and counties and other local governments, including the right to issue bonds. Though all details for the sale of the bonds have not been completed, the bonds could be on the market by the fall of 1984, a tribal councilman said.

The bond issue is being handled by Boettcher and Company of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Annual pow wow provides entertainment for



Pow Wow Chairman Robert McKinney thanks the hundreds of people who attended the annual Potawatomi Inter-Tribal Pow Wow Club members, as well as the tribe received hard work and the HowNiKan who hard work. But most especially, all beautiful weather. Aho!



Cyclists bike from Kansas

Chairman Leon Bruno (right) greets Duane Evans who, Rafe, bicycled from Kansas to attend the annual pow wow. Sioux runners, received a Potawatomi Police escort in grounds.



Running for pride

By Keena Lumpmouth

"Do not criticize thy neighbor until you have walked a mile in his moccasins."

This Indian saying tells a lot about the 11 young Oglala Sioux from South Dakota who have traded that one mile for 4,000 and their moccasins for running shoes.

The Western Hemisphere Welcome Runners, ranging in age from 12 to 27, are running in recognition of the individual effort and sacrifices made by the Olympic athletes. In actuality, this ambitious project, backed by the Lakota Treaty Council of the Lakota Nation, has a two-fold purpose. In addition to the welcome they will give the Olympic participants, they run to gather the support of other U.S. tribes for their effort to regain their sacred lands. It was for this purpose, also, that the runners stopped at the Potawatomi Tribal Pow Wow Grounds in Shawnee, June 29th and 30th to attend the 11th Annual Potawatomi Inter-Tribal Pow wow Club Pow Wow.

Milo Yellowhair, coordinator of the run, stated that the government along with private land owners have denied the Oglala Indians the tribe's sacred areas. The complaint was brought before the Supreme Court, but then not

"We told our old people, 'The greatest athletes in the world are coming. What should we do?' And they said, 'Go run.'"
- Milo Yellowhair

heard, deterred.

The journey building, ly 28.

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ted. The case is now before the International Court of Justice to
municipal laws supercede treaties.

s from the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota started their
1, at the World Prayer Wall, adjacent to the United Nations
ew York City. Their designated arrival time in Los Angeles is Ju-

hair noted that this was the first opportunity many of the run-
d to travel off the reservation. The cross country route includes
d cities as Washington D.C. and Philadelphia. Many parts of the
them an endurance and athletic challenge in addition to the long
Los Angeles. The northern and northeastern states offered the
tains and the winding terrain of the Shenendoah National Park in
he Blue Ridge Parkway of North Carolina. The south and
aye offered ever changing weather conditions including
eat and humidity and a battle with the elements. Traveling
th Valley was next on the runners' agenda after leaving

Pow wow winners

Winners in each category are listed in first,
second and third place.

They include:

Womens Northern Shawl Dance: Delilah
Conner, Monica Rowlen, and Kathy
Wahpepah.

Womens Buckskin: Thomasine Moore,
Almeta Harris, and Myra Little Crow.

Men's Fancy Dance: Billy McClellan, R.G.
Harris, and James Rader.

Men's Northern Traditional: Pete Moore,
Tony Shawnee, and Lance Allrunner.

Straight Dance: Ronnie Harris, Andrew
Gray Jr., and Johnny Hughes.

Ladies Cloth: Amber Hughes, Edith Harjo,
and Irene Edwards.

Junior Girls: Jackie Tsondokoy, Corey Stand-
ing, and Meredith Printup.

Junior Boys: Lloyd Gwin, Charles Dru, and
Graham Primeaux.



Potawatomi Scrapbook

Editor's Note: The following is reprinted from the Wisconsin Historical Collection. The spelling and grammar printed here remain true to the original printed version.

"Speech of the Poutouatamis of River St. Joseph, to Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor-general of New France, July 16, 1742.

"My Father, we are delighted to hear that the King, our Great Father, has raised you to higher dignities. He knew he was giving you only that to which you were entitled, and that he was rewarding your services.

"My Father, we have been Induced to come down on account of the evil things whereof we were told we were accused. We have come to clear ourselves. It is Pilemou, Tchichaakane, Mekisslin, and Oquiyaouy who speak to you.

"My Father, the Children of Monsieur Marin have accused us of having killed thirty Frenchmen in the Illinois country. We beg you not to believe a word of it. Our band, Consisting of ten men, came upon a Negro who had escaped; they Took him with them on the war-path; he was taken from their hands by the French.

"My Father, we are also accused of having killed two Frenchmen, and of having said that we had done so to avenge ourselves. A Frenchman told us this on our way down. We Also beg you not to believe it.

"My Father, I have come without design to bring you these tidings.

THE POTAWATOMI HAVE A TENDENCY TO ELUDE VOWELS AND SYLLABLES, DUE TO THE RAPIDITY WITH WHICH THE DIALECT IS SPOKEN, AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF THE OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA SAME AS (OJIBWE).

THE VOWELS ARE — A, E, I, AND O:

THE ALPHABETS NOT USED IN THIS WRITING ARE AS FOLLOWS: C, D, F, G, J, L, P, R, U, V, X AND Z.

ALTHOUGH SOME POTAWATOMIES USE FEW OF THE ALPHABETS ABOVE:

(T) IS USED IN PLACE OF LETTER (D).

(TT) IS PRONOUNCED LIKE (CH).

(B) IS USED IN PLACE OF LETTER (P).

VOWELS:

A, E, I, O:

BA BE BI BO

TA TE TI TO

KA KE KI KO

SHA, SHE, SHI, SHO

MA ME MI MO

QA QE QI QO

SA SE SI SO

WA WE WI WO

YA YE YI YO

SA SE SI SO

WA WE WI WO

YA YE YI YO

ENGLISH	POTAWATOMI
THREAD	SE BOB
ROPE	TTE SE BOB
BONE	O KEN
AXE	BKAM SA KEN
MOSQUITO	SKA MA
COW	BSHE KE
RAT	WAB KO NOSH QE
LEAVES (TREE)	TAT BA QEN
SING	NKE MON
STAR	NE KOS
TREE	MTAK
MOUSE	WAB KO NOSH QES
ANGLE	A SHE NI
CLOUD	NE KOWAN KOK
LIGHTNING	WAS MOK
WHITE WOMAN	TTE MOK MAN QE
WHITE MAN	TTE MOK MAN
VASE	WAS KO NE TO MOT YES
AX	BKAM SA KEN
GRASS	MISH KOX
LAKE	MBES
ROCK	SEN
TENT	BA QI YAN KA MAK
BALLOON	BESH QET
DOLL HOUSE	NI TTA KO WIK WAM
PAIL OR BUCKET	KA KOS
SOLDIERS	SHMAK NE SHAK
STORE KEEPER	TA WEW NE NE
SAW (TOOL)	KISHK BOTT KEN
I SAW HIM	NKI WAB MA
THATS ALL	IW
FRIEND	NI KAN
SLEEVE	WNE SES
SLEEVES	WNE SEN
MY SHOESTRING	NTOS TAB
SAFETY PIN	SKAK A KEN
MY NECKLACE	MAB KAM WA KEN
TOOTH BRUSH	KSI YAB TE KEN
COMB	NAS QE WEN
FEATHER	MIK WEN

"My Father, at the time the blow was struck at le Corbeau (the Raven), we said you had nothing to do with it; that we had no Wish to revenge ourselves; that our Hearts were not turned to evil, but, on the contrary, we wished to forget evrything.

"My Father, we ask you for Dehestre as blacksmith, and that he may work solely for himself, because, if anybody should receive any Remuneration from him, he would be obliged to charge us more for his work. We ask this favor of you in the name of all the Chiefs and of the whole village.

"My Father, when last we came here you said to us: My Children, come and see me next year. I was unable to obey you because I went on the war-path against the Chicachas.

"My Father, the people in our village think you will make us drink some of your Milk.

"Reply of Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois, Governor-general of New France, to the speech of the Poutouatamis, of River St. Joseph, July 22, 1742.

"My Children, it has given me much pleasure to see you. I am obliged to you for the compliment you pay me regarding the new dignity wherewith the King has honored me.

"My Children, you must never Listen to bad news. I have long known Pilemou, Tchichaakane, and Oquiyaouy.

"My Children, I have never heard that you were accused, either in the direction of la Baye or in any other place, of having killed Frenchmen. You are Children too submissive to your Father, to be guilty of such evil deeds. You savages are to be pitied because you believe and Listen to everything that is said to you. Do you not know that if you had been accused of such a thing I should have made my thoughts known to you long ago?

"My Children, in future have no ears to Hear evil discourses; never Listen to any words but mine, and those that may be carried to you on my behalf.

"My Children, I am surprised that you should still speak of the death of le Corbeau (the Raven). You must be aware of all I have done to have that unfortunate affair buried deep down in the earth. You renew my sorrow because I loved him greatly and he was attached to me. I think your hearts are not inclined to evil.

"My Children, I grant you the blacksmith you ask; nobody shall receive any remuneration from him; I do not think anybody has. I will order him to work for you at cheap rates.

"My Children, I remember well that when last you came to see me, I told you to come back The following year. I know that you went on the war-path against the Chicachas, and this Prevented your doing so. You will give me pleasure by continuing and I will reward your zeal.

"My Children, I know you complained to Monsieur Coulon, because I had Sent you no presents, and that I had Sent some to the Ouyatanon, Kikapoux, and Maskoutins. I am very happy to tell you that I treat all my Children Alike so that there may be no jealousy Between them. What I Sent those three Nations, was in answer to several messages they had sent me.

"You must know that I never Send presents to the Posts lest they be lost, as has frequently happened. Moreover, it pleases me that my Children receive them from my hand.

"My Children, I give you proofs of my affection; I Send some of my Milk to your village with presents, and wherewith to smoke peacefully on your mats.

"My Children, I am sorry to Be obliged to tell you that you continue to go and get bad Milk from the English, which spoils your hearts and your Minds, and Prevents you from paying your debts. I am informed that they give you bad impressions. Therefore, my Children, I shall not be pleased with you if you continue; because you can come here for what you need as well as you can go to the English, and, moreover, I am your Father.

"My Children, I am told that every year you decide to move your village. I know you are well placed where you are; my intention is that you remain there. By this Collar I replenish your fire, and take away all the bad thoughts that may be in your hearts.

"I Send to Ouilamec, Memidokay, and Oussado the same things I give you. Tell them from me that I urge them always to strive to do what is right.

"Pilemou and Tchichaakane, I give you each a Medal, and a gorget to Okeyaouisse (Oquiyaouy). On account of the distinction conferred upon you, I think this mark of honor will Induce you to strive more and more to do what is right, to Listen to my words, and to do my will."

Claim your per capita check!

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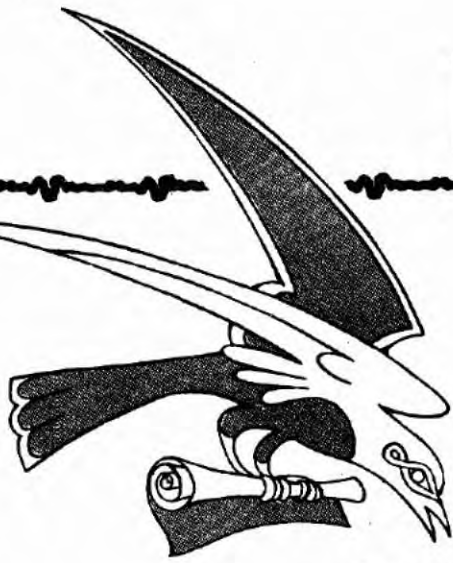
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Letters to HowNiKan



Dear Editor;

There is always a need to simplify and make life easier and more practical for those tribal members who are disabled, elderly, or have to travel many miles to come to a Council meeting. They deserve to have a voice in our tribal affairs and concerns.

There is another factor to consider: our annual meeting is also near the Fourth of July celebration and a time of "family get togethers" when travel on our highways is not recommended.

Absentee ballot voting is a necessity for our tribe to have a democratic tribal government.

Sincerely,
Robert D. McKinney
Pow Wow Chairman and tribal member

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I would like to again take this opportunity to thank all the tribal personnel who have helped me work towards my goals in education.

As you will note from the enclosed certificate of Graduate Admission, I am now in the final stages of my Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Sincerely,
James H. Kennedy

Dear Editor,

Here is my \$5 donation to the HowNiKan. Sorry I can't send more but that's the way it is when one has to live on Social Security. I really enjoy getting the paper.

Sincerely,
Lorraine Lewis
Sarasota, Florida

Dear Editor:

I sincerely enjoyed the long letter sent to you by Faye Hart Gottfried and Roberta Hart Gottfried. Their thoughts about purging the rolls of all with less than one-eighth Indian blood certainly echo my thoughts on that subject. I did not think it was fair for those of us who have less than 12½% of Indian blood to receive the monies that we did, including this last amount of \$780.22. But we are all greedy and when told to get our names on the rolls, we hurriedly did so.

I am a (diluted) Indian (Potawatomi) and very, very proud of my heritage. I have a grandson who is equally interested in his background. As far as I can figure out, I am only one-thirty-second Indian blood but just as eager to know

of my Indian ancestors as if I were full blood.

I particularly enjoyed the story of Pokagon and Lonidaw in your latest HowNiKan magazine.

I hope you can continue to send me the HowNiKan and am sending a little postage money. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
Florence Juanita Chrest
St. George, Kansas

Dear Editor:

We want to send a special invitation to the Potawatomi to attend the 9th annual Trail of Courage Rendezvous, September 15-16, at Rochester, Indiana.

Last year several members of the Business Committee attended. The Mayor of Rochester presented them a key to the city and the Fulton County Commissioners and Council gave them a key to the county. Several gifts of arrow heads found in Fulton County were given to the Potawatomi museum in Shawnee.

The Trail of Courage Rendezvous is a living-history festival that commemorates the courage of the Potawatomi on the Trail of Death removal in 1838. It is held in a pine woods on the corner of the Tippecanoe River and New U.S. 31, three miles north of Rochester.

It is not a pow wow. It features a tipi village, pioneer and Indian dances, muzzle-loading contests, pre-1840 foods and crafts, frontier fashion show, period music, 18th century puppet show, historic fur trading skit and canoe landing. All participants wear pre-1840 costumes. No plastic or modern materials are allowed. It is an authentic presentation of frontier life before the removal, when northern Indiana was still Indian territory, and the white men came by canoe to trade for furs.

Admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for children 6 to 12, free under 6. Write for camping information to Fulton County Historical Society, 7th and Pontiac, Rochester, Indiana 46975. Ask for an application if you want to sell authentic crafts or participate in the dances or shooting contests.

If you have a desire to see your ancestral land, plan now to trek to Rochester, Indiana, the third weekend of September. You will find the people here very friendly and hospitable.

Shirley Willard, president
Fulton County Historical Society

Dear Editor,

I'm interested in locating some of my cousins to write or get acquainted

with by mail.

I'm Violet Melott Page, daughter of Lee Melott who was born in Wanette, Oklahoma. My grandpa was Joseph Melott and grandma, Catherine Melott, both buried in the Wanette cemetery. My daddy had a number of brothers but I remember Uncle Tom and Uncle Will who lived in Shawnee. Uncle Lewis lived in Wanette. My sister, Minnie Melott Garrett and I visited a daughter of Uncle Will's in Shawnee in 1981, but I don't remember her name.

I lived in Oklahoma City until I retired in 1978. I moved to 1015 Misty Meadow in Tomball, Texas 77375. I plan to be at the pow wow June 29 & 30.

Violet Melott Page

P.S. I agree with Faye Hart Gottfried in the May issue of HowNiKan who said those with less than one-eighth Indian blood should be dropped from the rolls.

Dear Tribal Members,

I have now completed the first semester of my junior year in the Bachelor of Science of Nursing program at Wichita State University.

I wish to express my appreciation for the support given to me in the form of a tribal scholarship. The scholarship has been instrumental in helping me to get closer to my goal of becoming a registered nurse.

Sincerely,
Carol Holt Costain
Derby, Kansas

Dear NiKan,

I am sending a small donation for the paper. I enjoy it very much and think is very necessary to all our people.

I really enjoyed the April paper so much. Yes, I recognized the picture of the cabin. That is my mother, her brothers and a cousin. I was very small then but I still remember it well. So please keep the paper coming.

Thanks,
Just another Potawatomi,
Naomi Thompson
Harrah, Oklahoma

Dear Editor;

I enjoy the HowNiKan paper very much. Sorry I haven't written sooner. I was very happy to read that Sacred Heart Mission is going to be restored as a historic site. I was raised up in the Sacred Heart school and I read about people I either knew or their children.

I would like to know if Nila Neddeau is alive, if so where is she? She was a good friend of mine. My maiden name was Oleta C. Casterman. I would love to see the girls I knew in school.

My grandmother was Josephine Haas Castlebury. My mother was Edna Castlebury Buchanan.

I am enclosing \$2 for HowNiKan. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Oleta C. Holloway
Box 22
Dickens, Texas 79229

Dear HowNiKan,

My name is Darel Longo, and I am a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi. I am an artist who specializes in western and wildlife art. I am looking for a photograph of a full blood Potawatomi in full native dress. I would greatly appreciate it if you could help me locate one and send it to me. I would like to render such a painting. I will donate a photo of the finished product for use by the HowNiKan and possible publication.

Thank you,
Darel Longo
319 Eucalyptus Ave.
Patterson, California 95363

Editor's Note: Watch future issues of the HowNiKan, Darel. In the meantime, can any tribal members help?

Dear Tribal Chief,

Could you please help me? I'm 27 years old and I love Indians. I desire to make friends with as many as possible.

Is there a very good chance on your part that you'll be able to hand over my letter to any Potawatomi Indians, 16 to 30 years of age. I'd be very, very, appreciative for it. Could you also have an ad run in your local Potawatomi newspaper or bulletin?

About myself: I have short brown hair, built slim, weigh 118 lbs., stand 5'7" tall, wear glasses, come from a strict religious family with strict morals.

Please do all you're able to do that I may have my dream fulfilled of having an Indian friend, somebody to correspond back and forth to. Thank you.

A friend to all Indians,
Randy Peterlick
P.O. Box 142
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53082

Dear Sirs:

I would like to know if there is any literature available on the history and rituals of the Potawatomi Indian Tribe? If so could you please send me any information you might have. I will be glad to reimburse you for the cost of the material.

Thank you
Larry Lambert
Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Editor's Note: Copies of David Edmund's book, "Potawatomi, Keepers of the Fire", is available through the University of Oklahoma Publishing Co. in Norman, Oklahoma. Contact them directly.

NOTICE!

All persons living in the Potawatomi County area who are interested in first aid and/or CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) classes are urged to contact Ken Cadaret at the Potawatomi tribal complex, 275-3121.

Native American Press Association founded

By Dick Pothier

America's Native Americans discovered long ago that being in this country first did not do them a great deal of good once the white settlers arrived.

But over the weekend of June 22, 30 Indian journalists and publishers decided that one of the settlers' most cherished possessions — a free and active press — might help them regain some of the standing they lost when they had to share this continent with the newcomers.

The journalists, representing Indian tribes, nations and publications from the Mohawk Nation in the Northeast to the Potawatomi and Choctaws in Oklahoma, from Canada's Indian nations to Arizona's Navajos, joined forces.

In a pioneering conference held at Pennsylvania State University, the Indian journalists created a Native American Press Association and vowed to improve communication with and among America's estimated 1.5 million Indians and the peoples native to Canada, Mexico and Central and South America.

"There's been a huge renaissance of interest among Indians and other indigenous natives in cooperation in economic, cultural, legal and other ways," said Jose Barriero, former managing editor of a major Indian bimonthly magazine called *Akwesasne Notes*, which serves the Mohawk Nation in upper New York State. Barriero is a student in the Indian Studies Program at Cornell University.

"At this meeting, and with the new association, I see the skeleton and the guts of something that could be awesome and dynamic, not only in the U.S. and in Canada, but over the entire continent," said Nancy Woods, advertising manager of a slick, new, full-color Canadian native magazine called *Sweetgrass*.

Participants in this first organizational meeting of the press association spent a lot of time discussing basic needs and concerns of Indians — including the fact that some Indians prefer to be called native or indigenous peoples.

"I'm Ojibway, and I am tired of describing myself as an Indian, and of people asking me if I'm from India or Pakistan," said Lenore Keeshig-Tobias, editor of *Sweetgrass*.

She suggested "native or indigenous" as a substitute.

But Tim Giago, editor of the *Lakota Times*, which circulated nearly 6,000 copies a week on the 50-by-100-mile Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, told the group he considered the word indigenous a "tongue twister" and that "Native American" could mean any Indian or other native peoples anywhere on the North or South American continents.

Mike Burgess, who publishes a newspaper called *Talking Leaf* out of the Los Angeles Indian Centers Inc., said that after he mentions he is an Indian, people ask what tribe he belongs to. "And then when I say Comanche they back off," he said with a smile.

Other participants said a major goal of the press association should be to foster better relations with non-Indians and to help communicate accurate information to America's non-Indian media about Native Americans and about "ethnic stereotypes" that disturb Indians.

"For example, it's hard to believe, but you can still see some occasional reference to 'Indian squaws,' usually in an attempt to be funny," Giago said.

"And because one or two Indian activists or radicals do something wrong, the headlines say 'fugitive Indian leader' when in fact that person is no more a leader or spokesman for Indians than the Ku Klux Klan is a spokesman for white people," Giago said.

Richard LaCourse, a longtime journalist and editor of a new publication called *Indian Finance Digest*, said he had surveyed the Indian press in America and found more than 500

newspapers, newsletters, magazines and other kinds of publications aimed at American Indian readers.

And there are 13 Indian-owned radio stations and one weekly television show aimed at the American Indian audience, LaCourse said.

One of the goals of the association, LaCourse said, should be to organize workshops to "educate the rest of the media about Indians, and the New York Times needs this as much as the smallest paper."

Adrian C. Louis of the *Lakota Times* said: "This conference is a historic event. We've assembled here the basic core of Indian journalism in America."

The association's founding document, worked out during the weekend conference, creates journalistic codes of ethics and professionalism because news or feature articles in Indian publications should have just as much credibility and accuracy as those in any other responsible newspaper, participants said.

"It comes right down to news — getting it right and getting it out," Burgess said.

The group also identified dozens of tasks and goals of the organization, including the need to attract young Indian people into journalism and provide workshops to enhance professionalism.

William Dulaney, a professor in Penn State's School of Journalism, was one of the organizers of the conference, which was funded by Penn State and by a grant from the Gannett Foundation.

"We would very much like to have a continuing relationship with this new organization," he said. "As educators and as journalists, we want to help explore ways to strengthen these newspapers, many of which are published under very tough economic conditions. And these journalists very much want to put out informative, high-quality publications."

Patricia Sulcer, one of a few non-Indian journalists at the conference, is editor of the *HowNi-Kan* newspaper of the Potawatomi Indians in Shawnee, Okla. The paper's name means "Hello, my friend," she said.

"I'm doing this to help tell the rest of us the truth about Indian life in America today," Sulcer said. "I don't think most Americans know very much about this, and all those old stereotypes are still there."

"For example, look at the name of our newspaper. A lot of Americans seem to think that Indians walked around saying 'how' as if it were some dumb comment. Well, in many dialects, it actually is a greeting that translates 'How are things?' or 'Hello, how are you, my friend?'"

Patty Bowen, who represented the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, told the group that America's 1.5 million Indians had unrealized political clout.

"It's enough so that we could swing a presidential election," she said. "I think we ought to get that word out, and this new association will help."

Who edits the HowNiKan?

Patricia Sulcer, 33, and a Michigan native, has been editor of the *HowNiKan* for nearly a year — and is proud of it.

"It's so exciting to be working with a tribe that is really operating on the cutting edge of history," says Sulcer, whose credentials include eight years of editing "mainstream" publications before moving to Oklahoma last July.

"I recently attended the founding meeting of the Native American Press Association at Penn State and was appointed to a steering committee," says Sulcer, "and was surprised at how many other tribal representatives were familiar with our paper. They asked a lot of questions about the paper's format and design and I was proud to be able to say that I was responsible for that."

Members of the "outside" media covering the meeting in Pennsylvania were surprised to find a non-Indian editing the Potawatomi newspaper, according to Sulcer. "I think," she says, "that having a non-tribal person in charge of information and the newspaper lends credibility to the tribe. Tribes as a whole have historically operated under almost secretive conditions and having a professional in such a sensitive position definitely lends credibility. For instance when reporters from other

newspapers call for background information I think they have a tendency to trust me because they know I have a solid journalism background."

"I also find it ironic," laughs Sulcer, "that even though I come from Potawatomi country in Michigan, I had to travel all the way to Oklahoma to work with them!"

Sulcer, who also served as project director for an oral history project last fall funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, sees a bright future for the tribe in the areas of publishing, cultural reclamation and a renewed interest in traditional arts. "We have so many thoughts flying around," she says, "and there are some really wonderful, dedicated people here. The sky is the limit on what we can do. We have already received permission to publish at least one Potawatomi history book; we'll soon be renovating the museum and we finally have access to some of the native ways. I think it's absolutely marvelous that the very same Business Committee that has demonstrated such genius in the fields of business and legislation has also made a firm commitment to historical reclamation. With time and money and the dedication that has been demonstrated, we can do absolutely anything in the world."

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An Open Letter From The Business Committee

To All Tribal Members Who Voted By Absentee Ballot In The June 30th Election:

It was our intent and most fervent wish that **all** tribal members be allowed to express their wishes by voting in this year's tribal election. We felt that the absentee ballots were proper under the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws for the following reasons:

1. The Constitution defines "Council" as **all** members of the tribe over 21 years of age (**Article III**).

2. The Constitution authorizes the Business Committee "to appoint subordinate committees...to transact business and otherwise speak and act on behalf of the tribe." This was the authority for appointing the Election Commission to conduct the election (**Article V, sec. I**).

3. The Election Ordinance was written under the authority of **Article VII, sec. I** of the Constitution which says: "The regular election of the Secretary-Treasurer and Vice Chairman shall be held by the **Council** at its regular annual meeting on the last Saturday in June, 1971, and each even numbered year thereafter, **under rules and regulations prescribed by the Business Committee**."

The Business Committee interpreted this to mean that on June 30, 1971, the election was to be held at the meeting. After that election, all future elections would be under "rules and regulations prescribed by the Business Committee."

Judge Lujan of the Court of Indian Offenses has ruled that the language which says "at the meeting" in Article VII, sec. I, eliminates the use of absentee ballots. We do not agree. For this reason his decision is being appealed. There is no language in our Constitution which **forbids** absentee ballots. Elections are held in every state, municipality, and most Indian tribes under legislation which names a place and time for an election. These elections do not forbid absentee ballots from being cast.

Every member of the Potawatomi Tribe over 21 years of age has a right to vote in the Council election. **Your** money is being managed by the tribe. **You** should have the power to control the spending of **your** money and the conduct of **your** tribal government.

If the appeal of Judge Lujan's ruling is unsuccessful, we urge you to vote for the constitutional revision you will soon receive a ballot for. The proposed revision will be printed in its entirety in the **HowNiKan**. This revision **specifically** provides for absentee ballots.

Tribal elections have, in the past, been by whatever means came to mind at the time - stand up, sit down,

hand out slips of paper, show your enrollment cards, move to the other side of the room etc. **We need an election law** to stabilize our election process and eliminate abuse.

Another, **most important**, aspect of the proposed constitutional revision submitted under Article XI of the Constitution allows for any group of tribal members, by petition, to require the Business Committee to **adopt or change or revoke** any legislation by submitting it to a vote of the entire tribe. This initiative and petition privilege is the most important change we are proposing. This will give tribal members, for the very first time, the ability to **directly** influence tribal government - no matter where they live.

The disturbance at the Council meeting on June 30th points out most vividly the need for dissemination of tribal power to **all** the members of the Council. If a small handful of people can entirely disrupt the functions of a government representing nearly 12,000 people - **we need new laws**. Please consider the constitutional revision carefully. It gives the power of **your** government back to **you**.

For those of you who can **attend** the court-ordered election on August 4, please do. We can assure you that there will not be a reoccurrence of the mob action of June 30. To protect those of you who are elderly and were frightened or offended by this mob, Judge Lujan has ordered the BIA and tribal police to maintain order. Please come; your opinions are the most important of all our people.

A Message From Doyle Owens

Once again I am here asking you to vote for me, Doyle Owens, for Vice Chairman of your tribe.

The events of recent weeks - attempted takeovers of the tribal complex; attempted impeachments of the Business Committee and Grievance Committee; lawsuits brought by my opponent and incumbent secretary Bateman - clearly show what this faction, should they gain control of the tribe, will do. These people are acting in their own self-interest and would prefer the Potawatomi Tribe to exist in the dark ages - that way no one will know what they're getting away with.

I have voted for and run on a platform supportive of returning tribal control to tribal members - all tribal members, not just those in the Shawnee area. The recent ruling of CFR Judge Lujan points out the need for revisions in our 50 year-old Constitution. When that Constitution was adopted there was no tribal complex,

no four million dollar tribal operation, no government grants and no businesses owned and operated by the tribe. We have come, in the last few years, into the mainstream of the twentieth century - and it is time to start behaving like it.

As Potawatomi, we should have the same voice in government as we do as United States Citizens - no matter where we live.

As Potawatomi, we should have an open government and watchdog capabilities over that government, just as we do as United States citizens.

I ask you to attend the August 4 election at the tribal complex and I ask you to vote for Kenneth Peltier and myself for Business Committee.

I can promise you that I will fight for your rights as Potawatomi and I will fight for a self-sustaining future for the Potawatomi Tribe.

Thank you.

Special Council called

A special General Council meeting, pursuant to CFR Court order, for the purpose of elections only, will be held August 4, 1984.

The meeting will convene at 7 a.m.; voting will be from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the meeting in the Long Room of the ShipSheWano Building at the Potawatomi Tribal Complex in Shawnee, Ok.

Election results will be announced at the meeting after voting is completed.

Keep Doyle Owens As Vice Chairman

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